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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of an Indictment ¹ against George Susini. The indictment charges Susini conspiracy, wire fraud, and theft of funds from a federally funded program. The indictment alleges that Susini participated in a conspiracy with another Amtrak employee, to steal money from Amtrak. The scheme involved the manipulation of Amtrak's computer-based financial accounting system in a manner that cause computer generated "credits," that Amtrak was entitled to receive from national credit card companies, to be embedded on Susini's credit cards which he then used to pay personal expenditure. The fraud scheme resulted in a loss to Amtrak of approximately \$72,487.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
GEORGE SUSINI	Raleigh, North Carolina	unknown

If convicted of the offenses in the indictment, Susini faces a maximum of 45 years of imprisonment, a fine of \$1.5 million, a special assessment of \$300 and 5 years of supervised release.

The case was investigated by Amtrak Office of Inspector General and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Floyd J. Miller.

¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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